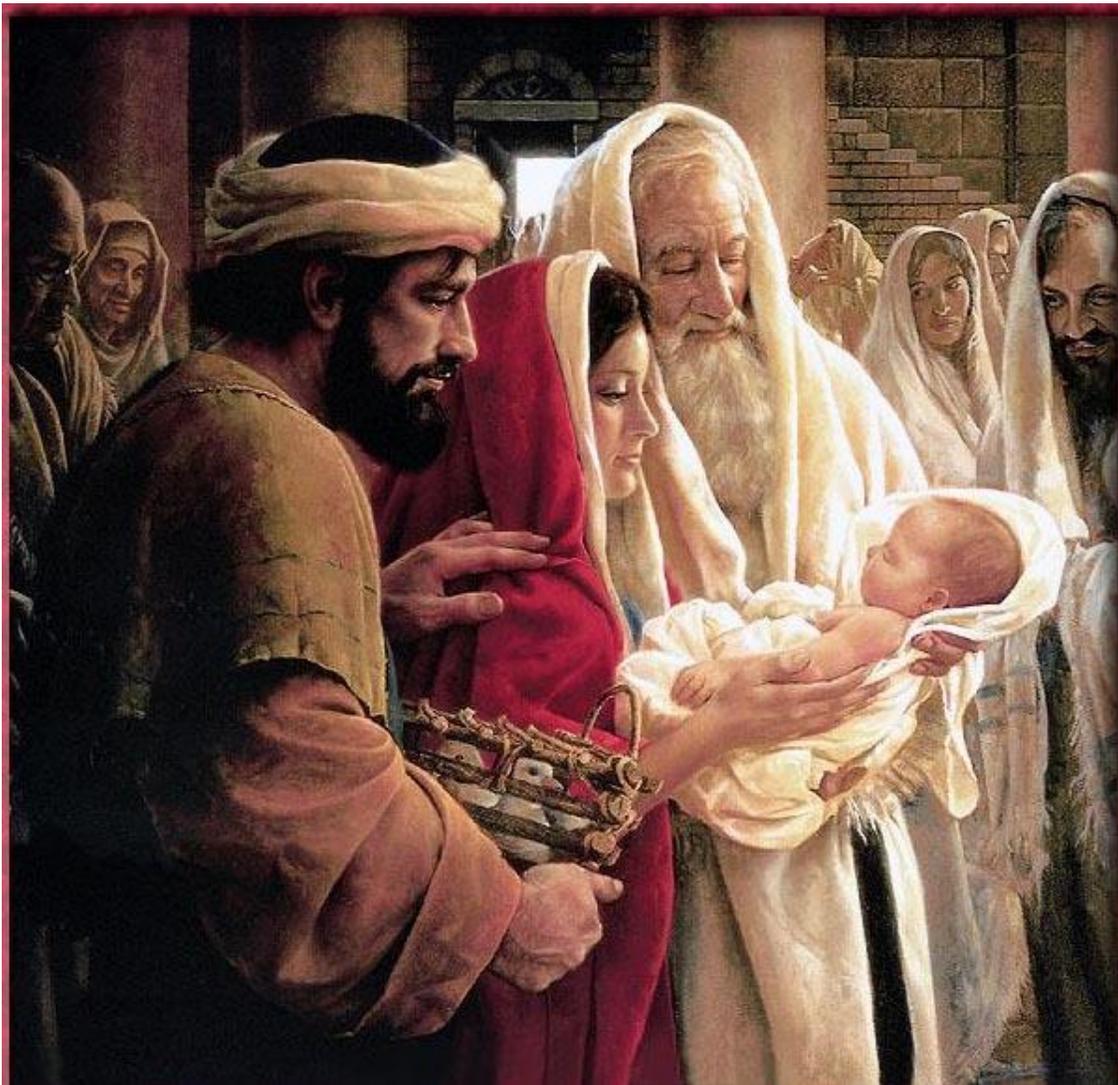


# The Birth & Early Life Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST



Preparation Workbook for JUNIORS  
Manitoulin Youth Camp 2011

## YOUTH CAMP 2011 - JUNIOR WORKBOOK - Introduction and Instructions

Welcome to being a Junior Camper at Youth Camp! This may be your first time as a camper at Youth Camp - how exciting! Or, you may have been there last year and now you know all about being a camper!

We have an exciting opportunity to study the birth & early life of Jesus. We recommend that you read through the chapters with your family as you begin your workbook to get familiar with the story.

There are 3 parts to your pre-camp assignment. We recommend that you get started as soon as possible - don't put it off to start 'later'!

### Part A - The Workbook

The workbook is written 'chronologically', which means the order in which the events happened. You'll have to look carefully at what section of verses the questions come from! Read over the verses before you begin the questions for each section. This will give you the overall story.

There are three types of questions you will come across in this workbook.

Most are of the first type - straight forward questions requiring answers that can be found within the verses indicated. These are "fact questions". The King James Version has been used as the basis for these questions and quotations, but please feel free to use whichever version you are most comfortable with.

The second type is labelled with the "TQ" symbol, which stands for "thought question" (or some like to call them 'tough questions!'). These are designed to make you think about the answer, so don't expect to find the answer in a specific verse. If you try really hard and still cannot figure out a good response to one of these "thought questions", then ask your Mom or Dad for some help. Actually, it's OK to ask them for help at any time. Do not be surprised if you can think of more than one answer for a "thought question" - that's just how they are! Don't worry about whether it's the 'correct' answer, simply write down what you think the best answer is.

The third type is labelled as a ✎ DIARY ENTRY. Here you are to imagine yourself as the character indicated, writing a diary or journal entry. This is kind of like a "creative writing" assignment in school.

Have fun and try to do your very best. You can do the puzzles any time you wish.

### Part B - Special Project

You will present this project in a 5 minute presentation to your class during Youth Camp. (see next page)

### Part C - Minute Meditation

This can be completed once you receive your Youth Camp Program Booklet (in June). The chapters will be divided into 4 sections and each camp group will be assigned to one of those sections of verses. You will select 1 verse from your section on which to base your minute meditation. Remember it's not meant to be too long!

If you have any questions about any of these assignments please don't hesitate to call or send a note to: Uncle Doug Jackson - 905 607 0016, dcjackson@bell.net

## Part B - Special Project Instructions

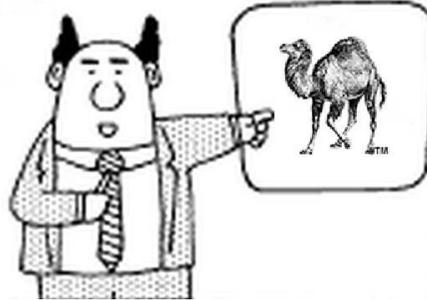
Here are some project ideas to choose from. When thinking about your class presentation, it is best to pick one small idea and do it well, rather than trying to fit too much information into your 5 minute presentation.

1. A Family Tree based on Matthew Chapter 1 - Jesus' family through Joseph.
2. Map of the significant places mentioned in these chapters. Be sure it is well labelled with key places and key events at each place.
4. A Map of the land that King Herod reigned over at this time.
5. A study of life in Israel in that time period (early 1<sup>st</sup> century).  
(e.g. The Roman government, typical living arrangement in Israel, family life, customs etc.)
6. A timeline of the early life of Jesus. Include the important events in this study.
7. A Character Study of one of the following characters:
  - ▶ Jesus in his early life    ▶ Zacharias
  - ▶ Mary                            ▶ Elisabeth
  - ▶ Joseph                        ▶ John the Baptist
  - ▶ Simeon                        ▶ Anna

8. A theme or topic from this study: (for example)

- obedience
- courage
- trials

9. Draw a detailed picture or make a model of one of the events in these chapters.



10. Write a skit or short play based on one of the events in the study. Find a couple of friends to help you enact your play for the class to enjoy.

11. Project of your choice: Please contact Uncle Doug Jackson to have your idea approved:  
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Note: There are some pages at the back called "Appendices" - you may find some useful information there for your special project.

## Introduction To The Gospel Writers

What does the word 'gospel' mean? \_\_\_\_\_

There are 4 books called 'gospels' at the beginning of the New Testament. What are the 4 books of the gospels? \_\_\_\_\_

*Each gospel writer was inspired by God to record different events, even though they all spent the same time with Jesus. It would be like you and your Sunday School class writing a report after a Sunday School activity - everybody's report would be different, even though you were all at the same activity! Only Matthew & Luke record information about the birth and early life of Jesus Christ. We are going to look at these Bible passages **in the order that the events happened**. This means you will have to turn between Matthew & Luke many times throughout the workbook - so put a bookmark in each Gospel!*

### Luke 1:5-10 - Zacharias & Elisabeth

v.5 Who was the king of Judea at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the name of the priest we are introduced to? \_\_\_\_\_

What does his name mean? Strong's Hebrew #2148 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (When looking up these names in the Strong's concordance, in order to get the definition you must go back to the Hebrew origin of the name. The Strong's number given is from the Old Testament Hebrew Dictionary.)

What 'course' (or family) was Zacharias of? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the name of Zacharias' wife? \_\_\_\_\_

What does her name mean? Strong's Hebrew #0472 \_\_\_\_\_

Who was Elisabeth a daughter of? \_\_\_\_\_

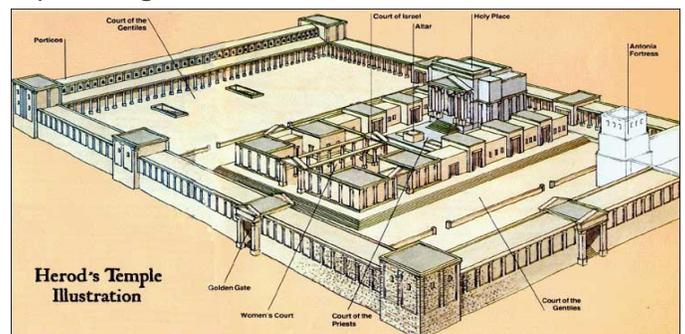
v.6 Fill in the blanks to learn how Zacharias & Elisabeth are both described:

"And they were both \_\_\_\_\_ before God, walking in all the \_\_\_\_\_ and ordinances of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_."

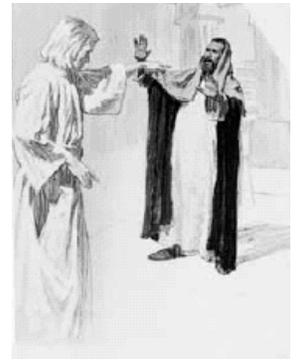
v.7 Zacharias & Elisabeth were young. True False

v.9 What was the 'lot' (or job) of Zacharias when he went into the temple?  
\_\_\_\_\_

v.10 At the time of incense what were all of the people doing? \_\_\_\_\_



**Luke 1:11-20 - The Angel Gabriel Appears To Zacharias**



v.11 Who appeared to Zacharias? \_\_\_\_\_  
(look in v.19 for a specific name)

What does the name Gabriel mean? Strong's Hebrew #1403  
\_\_\_\_\_

*The only other time we are told of Gabriel appearing to someone, Gabriel gave a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah! Who had Gabriel appeared to before? Look up Daniel 9:21,22 \_\_\_\_\_*

v.12 How did Zacharias feel when he saw the angel? \_\_\_\_\_

v.13 The angel told Zacharias that Elisabeth would have a \_\_\_\_\_ .

What would the baby's name be called? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this name mean? Strong's Hebrew #3076 \_\_\_\_\_

v.14 & 15 Fill in the blanks to learn more about John: "And thou shalt have \_\_\_\_\_ and gladness; and many shall \_\_\_\_\_ at his birth. For he shall be \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ even from his mother's \_\_\_\_\_ ."

What type of person "drinks neither wine nor strong drink"? Look up Numbers 6:2&3 for the answer.  
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List the 3 things that a Nazarite was not allowed to do:

1. Numbers 6:3 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Numbers 6:5 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Numbers 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Who else in the Bible was a Nazarite?  
\_\_\_\_\_

v.16 Describes the important job John would have, to encourage the children of Israel.

Who was John to encourage the people to turn to? \_\_\_\_\_

v.17 "And he shall go before him...". Who did John come before? \_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** Why do you think it says that John the Baptist will come in the 'spirit and power of Elijah'? How do you think John the Baptist & Elijah are similar? (Hint: think about their appearance, and what they did etc.)

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**Luke 1:11-20 - The Angel Gabriel Appears To Zacharias (continued)**

v.20 What happened to Zacharias? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean to be 'dumb'? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was Zacharias made dumb? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you think of someone else in the Bible who was told they were going to have a baby, but had a hard time believing it? \_\_\_\_\_

✍️ **DIARY ENTRY:** Imagine you are Zacharias. Write a diary entry about the angel appearing to you in a dream, and what it's like not being able to speak!

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**Luke 1:21-25 - Zacharias Made Dumb**

v.22 When Zacharias came out of the temple and could not speak, what did the people think had happened to him? \_\_\_\_\_

v.23 Once Zacharias was done fulfilling his job in the temple, where did he go?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.24 For how long did Elisabeth hide after she became pregnant?

\_\_\_\_\_

v. 25 This is what Elisabeth said: (fill in the blanks) "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he \_\_\_\_\_ on me, to take away my \_\_\_\_\_ among men."



# ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH

(LUKE 1:5-25)

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T T S E I R P W B N S G B K Z

ANGEL  
BARREN  
ELIZABETH  
GABRIEL  
HOLY

INCENSE  
JOHN  
LORD  
MUTE  
SPIRIT

PRIEST  
SON  
TEMPLE  
ZACHARIAS  
PRAYER

**Matthew 1:1-17 - Jesus' Family Tree Through Joseph, Mary's Husband**

*Have you ever drawn your family tree? A family tree is a diagram of all of your relatives! Another name for a family tree is a **genealogy**. These verses tell us who Jesus was related to through Joseph, Mary's husband - all the way back to Abraham! You may want to use a more modern translation to complete this section, as you will more easily recognize the names as you read through these verses.*

v.1 Jesus Christ is described as the son of who?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

*This just means he was the great, great, great.....grandson of these men.*

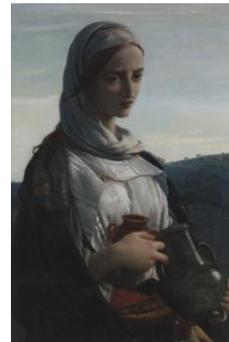
Who was Jesus really the son of? \_\_\_\_\_



**Women Named in The Genealogy of Christ:**

There are 5 special women named in Jesus' genealogy. Of course all of the men listed in the genealogy had wives, but only 5 of them are named. Who are they?

	Matthew Chapter 1	Woman's Name
1.	v.3	
2.	v.5	
3.	v.5	
4.	v.6	
5.	v.16	



Are these women Jews or Gentiles? Circle the correct answer.

(A Gentile is someone who is not born in the land of Israel. You may need to ask an adult to help you with this question.)

- Tamar      Jew    Gentile
- Bathsheba    Jew    Gentile
- Rahab      Jew    Gentile
- Ruth      Jew    Gentile
- Mary      Jew    Gentile

Are you a Jew or a Gentile?      Jew    Gentile

An interesting lesson is being taught about in the genealogy of Christ! Many different types of people can be related to Jesus Christ - men & women, Jews & Gentiles. This is a theme that we see from the promises to Abraham in Genesis, all the way through the Bible.

**Women Named in The Genealogy of Christ (continued)**

Look up **Galatians 3:27-29** in the New Testament that supports this idea and fill in the blanks:

"For as many of you as have been \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ have put on Christ. There is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_: for ye are all one in Christ \_\_\_\_\_. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye \_\_\_\_\_ seed, and heirs according to the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Galatians 3:27** Although we are not directly in Jesus' family tree, how do we become related to Christ now?

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**Names of Jesus in Matthew Chapter 1**

Jesus is called by 3 names in Matthew chapter 1. Find the 3 names & look up their meanings.

Verse	Name	Strong's #	Meaning
v.16	J_____	Hebrew #3091	
v.16	C_____	Greek # 5547	
v.23		Greek # 1694	

**GENEALOGY OF CHRIST:** Now let's look at some of the people related to Christ, through Joseph. Some lines have been left blank for you to fill in! Look up Matthew 1 in a modern translation (i.e. NIV, RSV) to help you more easily recognize the names from the Old Testament.

GENERATION #	NAME	VERSE TO LOOK UP IN MATT. 1
1	A _____	v.2
2	ISAAC	
3	JACOB	
4	JUDAH (with Tamar)	
5	PEREZ	
6	HEZRON	
7	RAM	
8	AMMINADAB	
9	NAHSHON	
10	SALMON (married Rahab)	
11	B _____ (married Ruth)	v.5
12	OBED	
13	JESSE	
14	D _____ (married Bathsheba)	v.6
1	SOLOMON	
2	REHOBOAM	
3	ABIJAH	
4	ASA	
5	JEHOSHAPHAT	
6	JEHORAM	
7	UZZIAH	
8	JOTHAM	
9	AHAZ	
10	H _____	v.9/v.10
11	MANNASEH	
12	AMON	
13	J _____	v.10/v.11
14	<b>JEHOIAKIM</b> (Judah taken captive by Babylon)	
1	JECHONIAH	
2	SHEALTIEL	
3	ZERUBBABEL	
4	ABIUD	
5	ELIAKIM	
6	AZOR	
7	ZADOC	
8	ACHIM	
9	ELIUD	
10	ELEAZAR	
11	MATTHAN	
12	JACOB	
13	J _____ (married Mary)	v.16
14	<b>J _____ C _____</b>	v.16

**Matthew 1:1-17 - Jesus' Family Tree Through Joseph, Mary's Husband**

**v.17 BIBLE MATH:**

How many generations were there from Abraham to David? \_\_\_\_\_

How many generations were there from David until Babylon carried away Judah into captivity? \_\_\_\_\_

How many generations were there from Judah's captivity into Babylon until Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF GENERATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:18 - Mary Betrothed to Joseph**

v.18 What does the name Mary mean?

Strong's Hebrew #4813 \_\_\_\_\_

What does the name Joseph mean?

Stron'gs Hebrew #3130 \_\_\_\_\_

Mary was 'espoused' to Joseph. What does 'espoused' mean?

\_\_\_\_\_

How did God put the baby in Mary's womb?

\_\_\_\_\_



**Luke 1:26-38 - The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary**

v.26 Which angel is sent to Mary? \_\_\_\_\_

v.26 Where did Mary live? In the city named \_\_\_\_\_ ,

(read this carefully!) in the region of \_\_\_\_\_

v.28 The angel Gabriel said some very complimentary things about Mary and what a spiritual woman she was. Fill in the blanks: "Hail, thou that are highly \_\_\_\_\_ , the

\_\_\_\_\_ is with thee: \_\_\_\_\_ art thou among women."

\_\_\_\_\_

v.29 How did Mary feel when she saw Gabriel & he said these things?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.30 Who did Mary find favour with? \_\_\_\_\_

v.32 Who would Jesus be called the Son of? "The \_\_\_\_\_ "

Who is this talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

Whose throne would Jesus be given? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this already happened? Yes No

When will Jesus be given this throne? \_\_\_\_\_

v.33 How long will Jesus rule over the house of Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:26-38 - The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary (continued)**

*This is a troubling message for Mary, because she's being told that she will have a baby, but she's not even married yet.*

v.35 Who's Son would this child be? \_\_\_\_\_

v.36 Gabriel tells Mary that Elisabeth is also expecting a baby!

How are Mary & Elisabeth related? \_\_\_\_\_

How many months pregnant is Elisabeth at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

v.37 Is anything impossible for God? YES NO

v.38 How does Mary describe herself? \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:39-45 - Mary (Pregnant with Jesus) Visits Pregnant Elizabeth**

v.39 What city did Mary go to? "A city of \_\_\_\_\_"

v.40 Who was Mary going to visit? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

v.41 Elisabeth felt the baby leap in her womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit when she heard - what? \_\_\_\_\_

v.42 After Elisabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit she says to Mary,

"Blessed are thou among women..." Who else had said those exact words to Mary?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: look for the answer on the previous page of your workbook!)



**Luke 1:46-56 - The Song of Mary**

*Mary was so happy that she sang a wonderful song about all of the wonderful things that God does.*

v.48 Who will call Mary blessed? \_\_\_\_\_

v.50 Who is God's mercy on? \_\_\_\_\_

v.51 Who does God scatter? \_\_\_\_\_

v.52 Who does God exalt? \_\_\_\_\_

v.53 Who does God fill? \_\_\_\_\_

v.54 Who is God's servant? \_\_\_\_\_

v.55 Who did God make the promises to? \_\_\_\_\_

v.56 How long did Mary stay with Elisabeth? \_\_\_\_\_

(this means that Mary stayed with Elisabeth until Elisabeth was just about to have baby John.)

**Luke 1:46-56 - The Song of Mary (continued)**

Someone else spoke words that are very similar to the song of Mary. Look up I Samuel 2:1-10.

Who is speaking in I Samuel 2:1? \_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** How are Hannah & Mary alike?

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 **DIARY ENTRY:** Imagine you are Mary. Write a diary entry about how happy you are to be told by the angel that you will have a baby boy, who is the chosen Messiah! And also tell about visiting your cousin who is also having a special child - John the Baptist!

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**Luke 1:57-66 - The Birth of John The Baptist**

v.58 Who rejoiced with Elisabeth when she had the baby?

Her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

v.59 On what day after he was born was John the Baptist circumcised? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the neighbours of Zacharias & Elisabeth name the baby? \_\_\_\_\_

v.60 Was this what the baby's name was supposed to be? YES NO

He should be called \_\_\_\_\_

*The neighbours were surprised because Zacharias & Elisabeth didn't have any relatives called John! Clearly it was a custom back then to name your baby after a relative. Sometimes this is done today.*

v.63 How did Zacharias tell the people what his son's name was to be?

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v.64 What happened to Zacharias as soon as he wrote this down?

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**Luke 1:57-66 - The Birth of John The Baptist (continued)**

v.64 Who did Zacharias praise as soon as he could speak? \_\_\_\_\_

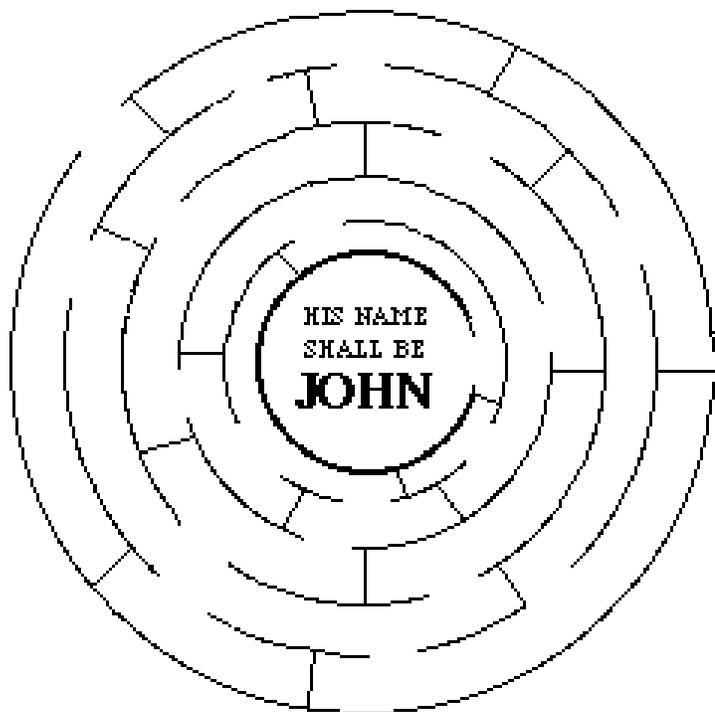
v.64 Approximately how long had Zacharias been unable to speak for? \_\_\_\_\_  
(compare Luke 1:20) That's a long time to be dumb!

v.65 How did the people around Zacharias & Elisabeth feel when they saw all of this happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

The news of this spread throughout what area? \_\_\_\_\_

**FIND THE WAY TO THE SPECIAL MESSAGE  
THAT ZACHARIAS WROTE!**



**Luke 1:67-80 - The Song of Zacharias**

v.67 What was Zacharias filled with? \_\_\_\_\_

We are told that Zacharias 'prophesied'. What does a prophet tell people?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.68 & 69 Fill in the blanks: " \_\_\_\_\_ be the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up a horn of

\_\_\_\_\_ for us in the house of his servant \_\_\_\_\_."

v.71 Who will be saved from? \_\_\_\_\_

v.73 Who did God make an oath (promise) to? \_\_\_\_\_

look at end of v.74 & beginning of v.75: How should we serve the Lord all the days of our life?

"...without \_\_\_\_\_ , In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ..."

**TQ:** How can you serve God while you are young?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

v.76 What would John be called? "....the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Highest...."

John had a special job to prepare the people for the coming of who? \_\_\_\_\_

v.77 & 78 **TQ:** How do we get remission (forgiveness) of our sins?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

v.79 John was...."To give \_\_\_\_\_ to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our \_\_\_\_\_ into the way of \_\_\_\_\_ ."

v.80 What did John 'wax (become) strong in? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did John live until it was time for him to be shown to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1 - People Filled With the Holy Spirit**

What is the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

In Luke 1, three people are described as being filled with the Holy Spirit. Who are they?

	Verse	Person Filled with the Holy Spirit
1.	v.13, 15	
2.	v.41	
3.	v.67	

**Matthew 1:19-24 - The Angel Appears to Joseph**

v.19 What word is used to describe Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this word mean? Strong's **Greek** #1342 \_\_\_\_\_

v.20 How did God appear to Joseph to tell him that he should not be afraid to take Mary to be his wife, even though she was already expecting a baby? \_\_\_\_\_

v.21 What would Jesus save his people from? \_\_\_\_\_

v.22 & 23 Which Old Testament prophet prophesied that this would happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hint: use a cross reference in your Bible, or use a concordance to help you find the Old Testament passage that says "a virgin shall conceive...".)

v.23 Can you find the chapter & verse in the Old Testament where these exact words are recorded? \_\_\_\_\_

v.24 Did Joseph take Mary to be his wife?                      YES    NO

 **DIARY ENTRY:** Imagine you are Joseph. Write a diary entry to tell about the angel appearing to you in a dream! (For example, you could write about the angel's message, how you felt etc.)

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**Luke 2:1-5 - Decree From Augustus Requires Families Travel to Jerusalem**

v.1 Who decreed that the world should be taxed? \_\_\_\_\_

v.2 Where was Cyrenius governor of? \_\_\_\_\_

*When people were 'taxed', it meant the Romans wanted to count everyone living in that area. This required them to travel to the city they were originally from.*

v.4 What city were Joseph & Mary in when the call went out for taxing?

\_\_\_\_\_ Which city did Joseph & Mary have to go to? \_\_\_\_\_



**Luke 2:6-7 - Jesus Is Born**

*While they are in Bethlehem it's time for Mary to have the baby!*

v.7 What was Jesus wrapped in?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.7 Where was Jesus laid?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.7 Why were they staying in a stable?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Luke 2:8-14 - Angels Appear to the Shepherds**

v.8 Who was abiding in the field? \_\_\_\_\_

v.8 What time of day was it? \_\_\_\_\_

v.9 Who appeared to the shepherds? \_\_\_\_\_

v.9 How did the shepherds feel? \_\_\_\_\_

v.10 & 11 Fill in the blanks: "And the angel said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ not: for behold I bring you tidings of great \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be to all \_\_\_\_\_. For unto \_\_\_\_\_ is born this day in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, which is Christ the \_\_\_\_\_."

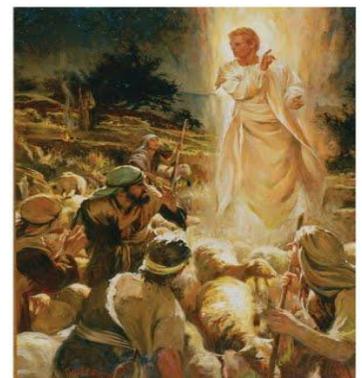
v.13 What were the multitude of angels doing? \_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** How can we praise God in our life today? \_\_\_\_\_

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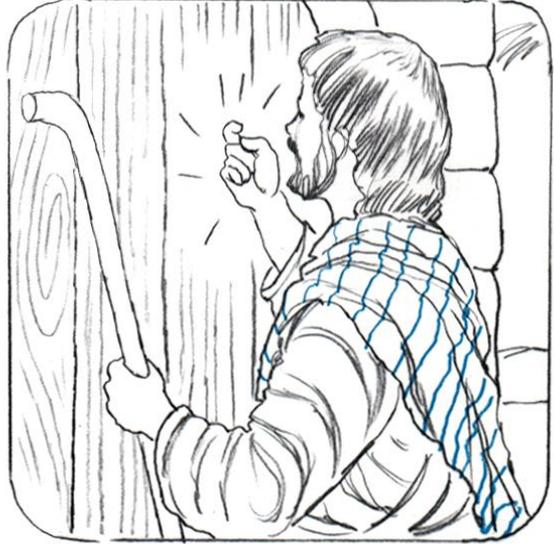
v.14 Fill in the blanks: this is what a whole host of angels said/sung. Imagine seeing that!

"Glory to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and on earth \_\_\_\_\_, good will toward \_\_\_\_\_."



## The Birth of Jesus

Number each picture as it happened in the story.  
Then color the pictures.



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**Luke 2:15-20 - The Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus**



v.15 What city did the shepherds have to go to in order to see baby Jesus?

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v.16 The shepherds slowly went to Bethlehem. True or False

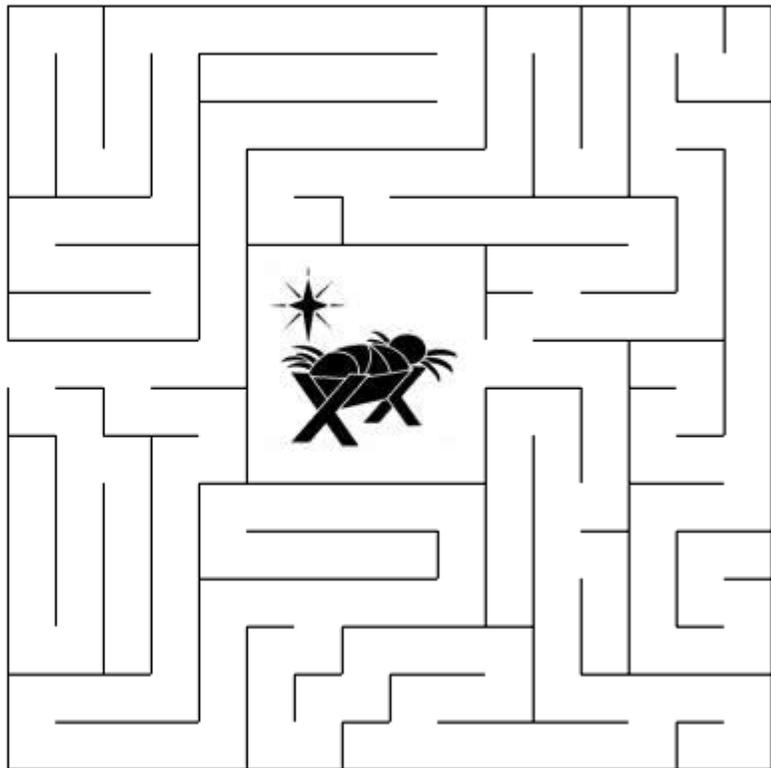
v.17 After they had seen baby Jesus, did the shepherds tell other people what they had learned about Jesus? Yes No

Should we share with others what we know about Jesus & the gospel? Yes No

v.20 What were the shepherds doing as they returned home?

"... \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God..."

Help the shepherds find the way to Jesus.



*"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."*

Luke 2:12

**Luke 2:21 - Jesus Is Circumcised & Named**

v.21 On which day after he was born was Jesus circumcised & named? \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 2:22-39 - 33 Days after Jesus is Circumcised, Joseph & Mary Visit The Temple**

*According to the Law of Moses, after a woman had a baby she was unclean for 41 days (Leviticus 12:2-4). This meant she was not allowed into the temple during that time. So now Jesus is about 6 weeks old.*

v.23 What does the law say that every male is called? \_\_\_\_\_

v.24 What sacrifice was to be made when a male child was presented to the LORD?

\_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

v.25 Who was the man living in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

What does his name mean? Look up Strong's **Hebrew** #8085:

\_\_\_\_\_

v.25 What are the 2 characteristics that are used to describe Simeon?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

v.26 Simeon would not die until he had seen what?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.29-32 These were words that Simeon said when he took Jesus in his arms. Fill in the blanks:

"Lord, now lettest thy servant depart (die) in \_\_\_\_\_, according to thy word: For mine \_\_\_\_\_ have seen thy \_\_\_\_\_, which thou hast prepared before the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people; A \_\_\_\_\_ to lighten the \_\_\_\_\_, and the glory of thy people \_\_\_\_\_."

v.35 What would pierce Mary's soul? \_\_\_\_\_

*This doesn't mean literally a sword would pierce Mary, but that being the mother of Jesus would be difficult at times.*

**TQ:** In what way do you think it could be troubling for Mary to be the mother of Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

v.36 Who was the prophetess in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_ What does her name mean?

Strong's **Hebrew** #2584 \_\_\_\_\_

v.36 What tribe was Anna of? \_\_\_\_\_

v.37 How long had Anna been a widow for? \_\_\_\_\_ years



**Luke 2:22-39 - 33 Days after Jesus is Circumcised, Joseph & Mary Visit The Temple**

v.37 How did Anna serve God? "...departed not from the temple, but served God with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

v.38 What did Anna do when she saw Jesus in the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** What can we thank God for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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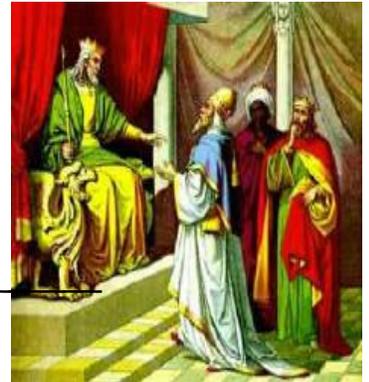
v.39 Where did Mary & Joseph go after they were done in the temple at Jerusalem?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:1-2 - Wise Men From the East Arrive in Jerusalem**

v.1 Who was the king when Jesus was born? \_\_\_\_\_

From which direction did the wise men come from? \_\_\_\_\_

v.2 Who were the wise men looking for? \_\_\_\_\_



**Matthew 2:3-8 - Herod Is Troubled & Sends The Wise Men to Bethlehem**

v.3 Besides Herod, who else was troubled about what the wise men had to say?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** Why do you think Herod was troubled to hear that someone was born, 'King of the Jews'? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

v.4 Who did Herod gather together?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

v.5 Where did they tell Herod that Christ was to be born?  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

v.7 What did Herod ask the wise men privately? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



v.8 Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem looking for what? \_\_\_\_\_

Look on the map in the appendix at the back. Did the wise men have to travel far from visiting Herod in Jerusalem to get to Jesus in Bethlehem? Yes No

**Matthew 2:3-8 - Herod Is Troubled & Sends The Wise Men to Bethlehem (continued)**

v.8 Herod said he wanted to go and worship Jesus too.

**TQ:** Do you think that Herod really wanted to worship baby Jesus? Why or why not?

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**Matthew 2:9-11 - The Wise Men Bring Gifts to Baby Jesus**

v.9 What led the wise men to baby Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

v.10 What did the wise men do when they saw the star stop over the child?

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v.11 What gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Are we told how many wise men came to see Jesus? YES NO

*\*So often in stories/songs it is assumed that there were 3 wise men, perhaps because 3 gifts were brought to Jesus. There could have been more or less than 3 wise men - we don't know!*

**Matthew 2:12 - Angel Warns Wise Men Not to Return to Herod**

v.12 How did the wise men know that they should not return to Herod?

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**Matthew 2:13-18 - Joseph & Mary Flee To Egypt with Baby Jesus**

v.13 Who told Joseph to flee with his family? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was Joseph told by the angel to flee to? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the angel say Herod wanted to do to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

v.14 **MAP WORK:** Look on the map in the appendix in the back. Using the scale on the map, *approximately* how far is it from Bethlehem to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_ miles

If you want to convert that distance into kilometres, multiply it by 1.6! \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres

We are not told how long it took them to travel to Egypt. Let's assume that they travelled 15 miles/25 kilometres each day. How many days would it take them to travel from Bethlehem to Egypt?

\_\_\_\_\_ days That's very a long trip on foot/donkey with a baby.

v.15 Until when were Joseph, Mary & Joseph to stay in Egypt? (hint: not a number; until a certain event) \_\_\_\_\_

COLOUR JOSEPH & MARY FLEEING TO EGYPT WITH JESUS



✍️ DIARY ENTRY: Imagine you are Joseph & Mary. Write a diary entry to tell about fleeing from Herod with Baby Jesus and traveling to Egypt.

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**Matthew 2:16-18 - Herod Kills All Male Children up to 2 Years Old**

v.16 How did Herod feel when he realized that the wise men were not returning to see him?

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v.16 Then what did Herod do to all of the male children 2 years old and under in Bethlehem & the surrounding area? \_\_\_\_\_

What other Bible story does this remind you of? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

v.17 Which Old Testament prophet had prophesied that this would happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.18 Can you find the chapter & verse in the Old Testament where this prophecy can be found? (hint: use a Bible with cross references to help you) \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 2:19-23 Herod Dies; Joseph, Mary & Jesus Travel From Egypt Back To Israel & Live in Nazareth**

v.19 & 20 Who told Joseph to return to the land of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

v.22 Who became the ruler after Herod? \_\_\_\_\_

How was he related to Herod? \_\_\_\_\_

v.23 What city did Joseph & Mary go to in the land of Israel when they returned from Egypt?

\_\_\_\_\_ \*look how far this is on the map - another very long trip for them

**Luke 2:40 - Jesus Matures As a Young Child**

v.40 compare this verse with Luke 1:80: What words are used to describe both John the Baptist & Jesus growing up? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Luke 2:41-50 - Family Trip to Jerusalem**

**MAP WORK:** Look for Nazareth on the map in the appendix.

*Approximately* how far was it to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_ miles

If you want to convert that distance into kilometres, multiply it by 1.6! \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres

Once again, we are not told how long it took them to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Let's assume that they travelled 15 miles/25 kilometres each day. How many days would it take them to travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

v.41 What time of year did Jesus' parents go to Jerusalem?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.42 How old was Jesus at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

v.43 When Joseph & Mary were starting their journey back to Nazareth, where was Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_

v.44 How long did they travel before they realized Jesus was not with everyone traveling back? \_\_\_\_\_

v.46 How long went by, in total, before Joseph and Mary found Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

v.46 Where did they find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

v.46 What was Jesus doing when his parents found him? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

v.47 What were those who heard Jesus astonished at?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

v.48 Fill in the blanks: "And when they saw him, they were \_\_\_\_\_ : and his \_\_\_\_\_ said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ , why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee \_\_\_\_\_ .

v.49 Jesus said to his parents: "How is it that ye sought \_\_\_\_\_ ? wist ye not that I must be about my \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ ?"

v.50 Did Joseph & Mary understand when Jesus said this to them?

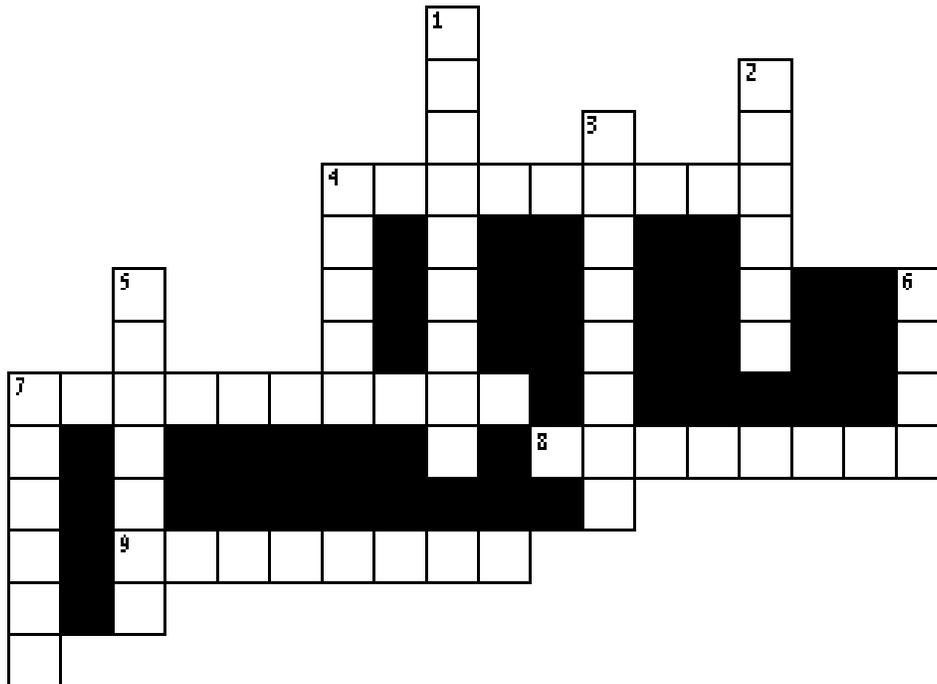
Yes No



THE BOY JESUS VISITS JERUSALEM

# THE BOY JESUS VISITS THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:49-52



\*\*Note: Quotations are taken from the New King James Version

3 DOWN "His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the \_\_\_\_." LUKE 2:41

4 ACROSS "And when He was twelve years old, they went up to \_\_\_\_ according to the custom of the feast." LUKE 2:42

4 DOWN "When they had finished the days, as they returned, the boy \_\_\_\_ lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it." LUKE 2:43

6 DOWN "...but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a \_\_\_\_ journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances." LUKE 2:44

9 ACROSS "So when they did not find Him, they \_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem, seeking Him." LUKE 2:45

2 DOWN "Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the \_\_\_\_..." LUKE 2:46

8 ACROSS "...sitting in the midst of the \_\_\_\_, both listening to them and asking them questions." LUKE 2:46

7 ACROSS "And all who heard Him were \_\_\_\_ at His understanding and answers." LUKE 2:47

7 DOWN "So when they saw Him, they were \_\_\_\_; and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.' " LUKE 2:48

5 DOWN "And He said to them, 'Why is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My \_\_\_\_ business?' " LUKE 2:49

1 DOWN "And Jesus \_\_\_\_ in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." LUKE 2:52

**Luke 2:51 - Joseph, Mary & Jesus Return to Nazareth**

v.51 Who did Jesus have to obey (or be subject to)? \_\_\_\_\_

**TQ:** Who must you obey while you are young? (think of lots of answers!)

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**TQ:** When you get older and may not have parents to obey, who must you obey then?

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**Luke 2:52 - Jesus Matures As A Young Man**

v.52 Fill in the blanks: "And Jesus increased in \_\_\_\_\_ and stature, and in \_\_\_\_\_ with God and \_\_\_\_\_."

**TQ:** How is it possible to obtain favour with God and man? Look up Proverbs 3:1,3,4 to help you. \_\_\_\_\_

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**TQ:** Jesus is a very special boy who loves God from a very young child. How can you become more like the boy Jesus in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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**OVERVIEW OF MATTHEW 1 & 2 and LUKE 1 & 2**

God gives a special message through an angel on many occasions in these chapters. Let's review what they are:

	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Who God appeared to</b>	<b>The message God had for that person</b>
1.	Luke 1:11,12		_____ will have a son named _____ .
2.	Luke 1:26,27,31		You will have a son named _____ .
3.	Matthew 1:20-21		Take _____ as your wife. She will have a son named _____ .
4.	Luke 2:8-10		_____ not. A _____ is born. Ye shall find the babe lying in a _____.
5.	Matthew 2:7,12		Do not return to see _____
6.	Matthew 2:13		Flee into _____
7.	Matthew 2:19,20		Go to the land of _____

# A MESSAGE ABOUT JESUS!

**Directions:**

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

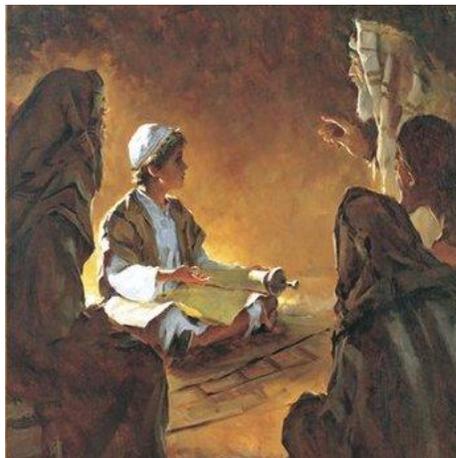
The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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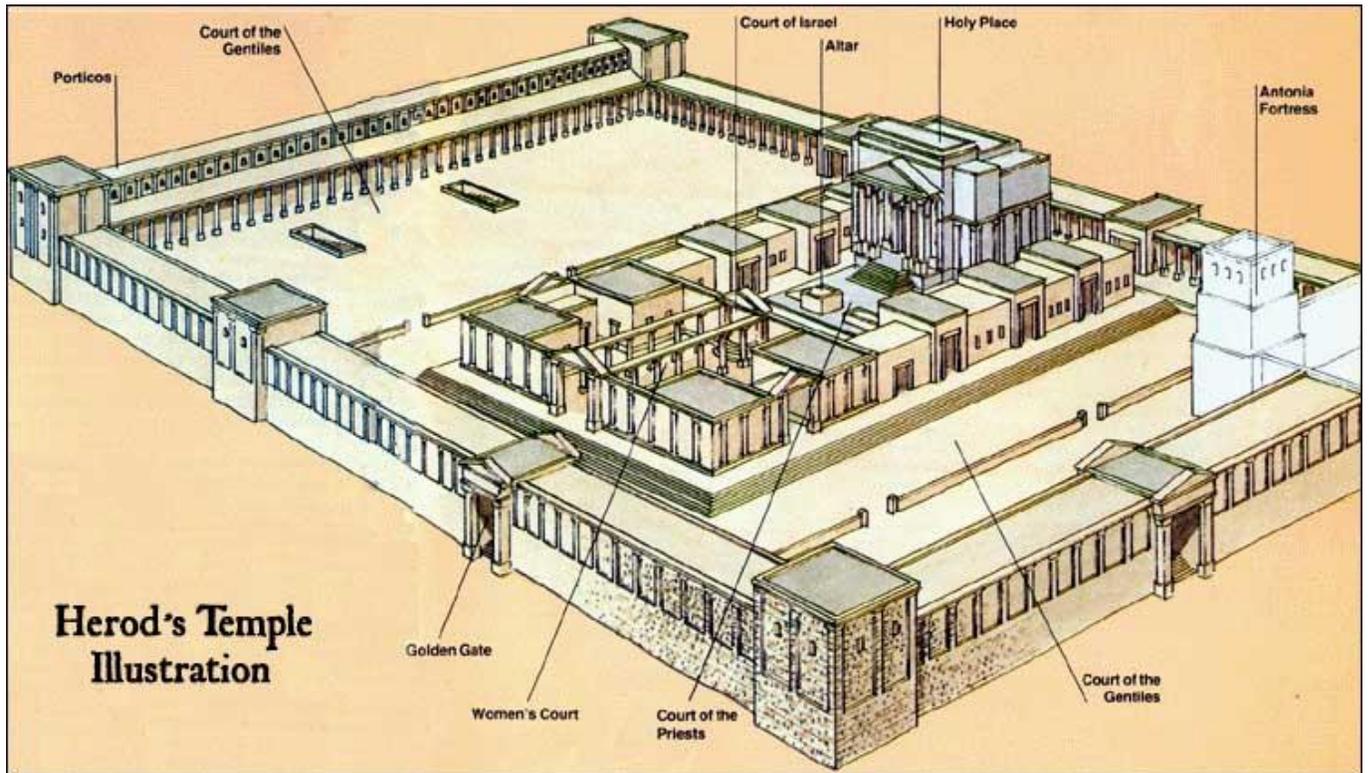
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## APPENDICES

Diagram of the Temple built by Herod at the time of Christ





**Sites From Jesus' Early Life and the Beginning of His Ministry**